Attorney Docket No. 403005

In re Application of:

Application No.

LEON et al. 10/814,597

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April 1, 2004

For:

FASTENING DEVICE, PARTICULARLY FOR HOLDING TOGETHER A STACK OF AT LEAST TWO

PANELS

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| Sir: | |
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| | Small entity status is claimed for this application under 37 CFR 1.27. |
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| FIRST PRES | FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE CLAIM | | | | | \$ | + 360= | \$ |
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Respectfully submitted,

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated April 4, 2006, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a), the undersigned attorney, on behalf of applicants, hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to and including October 4, 2006, to file a response to the Office Action of April 4, 2006, which carried an original response date of July 4, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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